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The Honorable Arthur P. Sampson  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Sampson:

We are in receipt of your letter of 15 November 1974 which underscores the policy of the Federal Government to make maximum utilization of U.S. flag air carriers for transportation of both its personnel and cargo.

This policy has been reflected in the official travel regulations of this Agency for a considerable number of years, and we are most diligent in ensuring that there is compliance with this policy. We note your efforts to extend such policy to Government contractors and subcontractors, and we will take steps to ensure that this matter is addressed by our contracting officers in the pursuit of their duties. Your forthcoming revision of the Federal Travel Regulations which will emphasize the application of this same policy to the transportation of consultants and dependents has, in fact, been a standing policy of this Agency.

The only exceptions we have permitted to the U.S. flag air carrier policy are based on a very infrequent need for the most expeditious travel of our professional personnel so that they may meet necessitous commitments. Such exceptions are subject to approval at a senior management level, and this procedure is well-known and understood by all officers of the Agency who have the authority to approve travel.

Sincerely,

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Director

Signature Recommended:

/s/ John F. Blake

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Att: DD/A 74-4588, Ltr, dtd 15 Nov 74, from Mr. Sampson, GSA  
to DCI re use of U.S. flag air carriers

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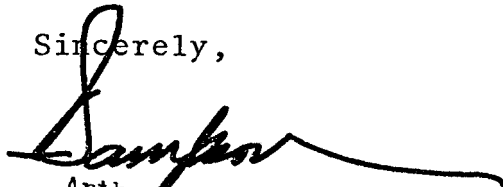
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To assure that policy governing travel of Federal employees is consistent with the general policy, we are also taking action to revise applicable provisions of the Federal Travel Regulations. The revision will emphasize the general policy and enlarge coverage to include consultants, dependents and other personnel when transportation and travel expenses are borne by the U.S. Government.

In view of the urgency of this matter, may we request your assistance in assuring full compliance with the policy of flying U.S. flag air carriers. Additionally, you are asked to encourage recreational associations of your agency to use U.S. flag air carriers to the maximum extent feasible in organizing foreign tours for their members.

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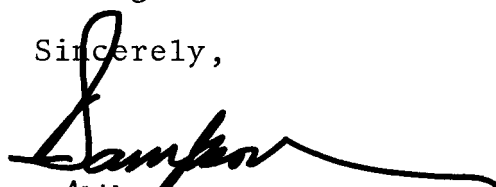
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## Remarks:

- 1) Attached letter prepared by Mr. Blake for your signature in response to Mr. Sampson's letter of 15 November.

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